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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Other applications possibly related to the present invention include:

US Patent Application No. 09/615,842

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

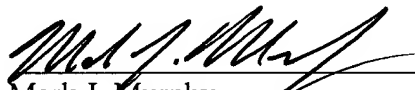
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Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

As a RCE has been filed in this application, no fee is believed to be necessary. If a fee should be required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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